

## GERMANS AND CIVIL LAW.

WELLINGTON, September 24.

In the Small Debts Court on Thursday Gerard Friedrich Reber, laundry proprietor, proceeded against Z. Piven, said to be a Russian, for £3 for lodging for himself and two children. In evidence Reber said he was a native of Germany, and was not naturalized. Counsel for Piven took a point that Reber, being an enemy alien, could not invoke the aid of a British Civil Court during the war. The Magistrate upheld the point, and dismissed the case.